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Preparation for the Great Initiation of 1000 Arm Chenrezig

As I mentioned the last talk the key purpose of all the success is to develop compassion towards everyone. Everyone who is here to develop compassion to numberless hell beings, animals, asuras and suras, human beings, so not just only compassion to human beings, poor human beings who are homeless, don't have food, have sickness, but no compassion for worldly beings in the external world. Not having compassion, only to the animals that you love, cats and dogs. Not for the tigers, snakes, mosquitoes, no compassion for the mosquitoes. You don't bring mosquitoes to be healthy to the animal veterinarian or mouse, rats, you don't bring rats to animal veterinary or cockroach bring to animal veterinary.

I haven't seen that for treatment. Anyway, not only the animals you want those you don't want you don't mind if they get killed. Compassion to all beings, basically. Without compassion then, wishing them to be free from suffering not just that, but on the basis of that you want to liberate them from the suffering of samsara. When you take responsibility on yourself to do that job, taking that responsibility to free the sentient beings from suffering that is great compassion. That compassion is great taking responsibility, universal responsibility, mahayana compassion. From this compassion, so as is mentioned in Madhyamaka subject ... at the beginning compassion like the seed you plant in the ground, then middle compassion so important, so without seed you cannot have fruit. You cannot achieve liberation or enlightenment, so then it is like the seed, the same, compassion without that cannot achieve bodhicitta, without roof of compassion, cannot achieve gateway to enlightenment, doorway to liberation, cannot actualize the mahayana path to enlightenment, cannot engagement in the bodhisattva conduct, create extensive merits. However, the 5 paths, 10 bhumis cannot complete. Cannot cease unless you have actualized the lesser vehicle path before five paths to enlightenment, you cannot remove the disturbances to obscurations, the subtle defilements, cant remove that. If you haven't completed the 5 paths to liberation before then gross and subtle obscurations have to remove both the 5 paths and 10 bhumis to achieve enlightenment. By actualizing these you cease the gross defilements before actualizing the 8th path, 8th bhumi, 9th bhumi able to cease the subtle defilements, the path of meditation, like concentration like vajra totally gets ceased. Even the bodhisattva who engaged in the path of merit and those ordinary bodhisattva engaged in the small medium great path of merit, so they have many realizations including clairvoyance. Then who entered in the preparatory path, achieve patience, sublime dharma. 4 levels within that. Just like before burning fire heat has to be generated then the fire can burn. The wisdom emptiness can directly ... heat then from there achieve not possible for heresy to arrive after that. Then the patience, impossible to be reborn from lower realms, to have fear of samsara. The highest dharma the buddha and bodhisattva have, the arising path. Then the equipoise meditation then the path to achieve after post meditation, then equipoise meditation after that is the liberating path, and path without interruption, and the liberated path. Then none of that you see. The details similar to the path of meditation and all those qualities, bodhisattva , higher bodhisattva qualities one won't be able to achieve without the root of compassion, to be able to offer extensive benefit to sentient beings .

It is said who can actually benefit sentient beings are the arya beings, arya bodhisattva s who can really benefit. Otherwise whatever this container has, you put in another is empty like that. When you achieve arya path really can benefit sentient beings.

When you achieve 1st bhumi achieve 11 different things. Manifest 100 bodies in pure lands, give teachings to sentient beings... I think 11 different things each one is a number 100 then next one might be 1000 times increase. Cant tell. The Bodhisattva bhumi 8th 9th, just a rough idea, cant

remember the numbers. Many million, zillion trillions, not sure what no. comes after that. Unbelievable* animals able to transform. So many millions, trillions, beyond our imagination, we cannot comprehend it. Even each pore of the body, world so anyway ... just most unimaginable, completely is almost like doesn't make sense to your mind. beyond even the bodhisattva they manifest as animals, all kinds of human beings, it is mentioned in the ... sutra for to help pretas they manifest as a preta, to help, to guide.

To help the maras they manifest as maras. The animals they manifest as animals. Most amazing.

I think same Ganesh, the Hindu god, have so much pride he's the best, think he's the only one in the world. While he is away Chenrezig sat on his throne while he was out. When he came back amazing, magnificent no comparison Chenrezig with Ganesh. Chenrezig subdued Ganesh. Chenrezig .. different aspects, some have left, one may have less, one may have more, maybe 3 different aspects. Anyway that's to relieve the sentient beings from poverty. That's why Chenrezig manifested as worldly deity. ... So subdued Mahadeva through that deity through the implements. That doesn't mean tortured, means enlightened.

However, this is buddha, what I was saying before was bodhisattva . Amazing how they benefit sentient beings. So extensive almost unimaginable. It is explained in the commentary of the Abhisamaya .. 8th chapter it gives the bodhisattvas 8 bhumi bodhisattva for us buddha how they can benefit us. They manifest as rocks, rivers, all sorts of things. Not just sentient beings . The sutra mentioned like this.

They definitely bodhisattva manifested, Muslim, Hindu, saddhu, priest, however, Christian. Bodhisattva can manifest like those showing the practitioners of those religions because there is need in that aspect to do. Even the founder of the religion can manifest like that and help those people in the world like that.

It is mentioned by Nagarjuna that in Tibet it is extremely rare the conch shell that starts circle from the outside, right side, that one is extremely unbelievably rare, like jewels. Nagarjuna explained shells ... bodhisattva that has had 7 life time to get that shell is regarded as extremely auspicious. The buddha sometimes the large statue hair goes like this if pull out comes this size, if pull out goes back like rubber and then stays curled towards the right.

So many years ago when Geshe Sopa Rinpoche after we arrived in US. I requested Geshe-la to open centre and some students from Kopan moved to US, had to go, so started center there.

There first teaching program after Geshe-la started, was first time to give more tantric initiations, commentaries, ... motivation the students in the west who met tantra you see. Song Rinpoche gave Vajrayogini initiation, commentary on guru Puja, then Geshe Rabten gave ... maybe came short time I'm not sure, Geshe Rabten taught Madhyamika. I didn't know hair was blue, Geshe-la said was white hair anyway, not sure why I am talking that. The conch shell here you show the Cho. Shakyamuni Buddha ordered for Shakyamuni Buddha's mother. The mother missed very much so buddha asked one being to make statue of himself to give to the mother. So buddha put his hand on the statue and blessed ... this statue will be in Mongolia and benefiting many sentient beings in Mongolia, then will go to China and visit many sentient beings, then will go to Tibet and then go to the naga land, oceans to benefit the nagas.

So many Tibetans for 3 or 4 months prostrated to Lhasa. Alek Rinpoche did prostrations from his home to Lhasa for 3 months. Cold and snowing on the road, so they had one donkey, he and his friend, which carried the food. Snow came and slept next to the donkey. So cold the donkey's ear came out. Then the road was steep, you have to keep doing prostrations, you don't stand long

otherwise you collapse. You are unable to do, unbearably cold, so have to keep moving. Purification, to sacrifice life for Dharma, unbelievable purification. One time there was Chinese army truck, so they had little food, so then the Chinese army helped them to come in the truck, some part, I am not sure. They came to Lhasa and took donkey round the Jokang and then sent home. This is one example of many Tibetans who come from home for many months. When we traveled in Tibet we saw many. There were people with goats, they carried their bedding, then the person doing prostrations and the goat carried their bedding, so was really amazing. Of course, you can imagine how much negative karma from numberless rebirths got purified. Very auspicious. But even in Nepal you will find more. In Florida you will find some of these shells. One time got many different sizes from there. Jacie Keely was Lama's secretary for a number of years so she sent.

Extremely devoted. Even lamas holy spit, even that she did not throw away because what she understood, what she feel, dared not throw away in the garbage . If you have conch shell you can heal peoples sicknesses. Because have bodhichitta in past, it harmonizes the family, it becomes healing for the sick people there because of bodhisattva. That happened in mainland China ... anybody who goes to U Tai Shan sees Manjushri. Ordinary people see ordinary person. Sometimes you may recognize because something that the person did something that you cant imagine. But sometimes can guess from a monk or from a lay person so that definitely you see Manjushri but unable to recognize. So, however, one man gave this bodhisattva then went to the village to give the letter and asked the family. And the family member said we don't have a human being here like that but we do have a pig. The letter was read to the pig. Now your karma to benefit here finished and your karma to benefit other world ripen. Pig made a huge noise then passed away.

The conscious went to another world to benefit other beings. This pig ... always goes after other pigs to protect them, always let the other pigs go first. Just amazing things I mean even the very first bodhisattva who entered the path of merit, many realizations already quite amazing, unimaginably. 8th 9th 10th bhumi being is like our mind cant comprehend, cant figure it out is amazing. So for us is like buddha . Then there's a buddha who hadn't purified subtle defilements ... at the same time can read all sentient beings in all the realms can read their minds at the same time and able to pervade all phenomena not like seeing phenomena from a distance, not like this. Able to see all phenomena. That is because their holy body is not gross. It is very subtle. What you have now body... So pervades all phenomena because of that.

Then directly seeing emptiness of all the phenomena. Its immovable for ever from emptiness, directly seeing this. Like this. Whenever the karma of the sentient being ripened without delay of even a second, the buddha immediately manifest to guide the sentient being just right there without a delay of even a second. Like this guru Shakyamuni Buddha, guru Tsongkhapa, guru Tara, have been guiding us from beginningless rebirth. So all our happiness, which we experience from beginningless rebirth come from guru buddha including liberation and enlightenment, everything we receive. Always we are guided. Therefore, all this because of compassion, the root is of compassion, this unbelievable quality with the bodhisattva has and the arya bodhisattva . Amazing they can benefit sentient beings so deep with the root of compassion. For us to cause happiness for sentient beings this life, much more important service to cause happiness to them in all their future lives, then their liberation from samsara, to cause their enlightenment, the numberless hell beings hungry ghosts, human beings asuras and asuras, to complete this unbelievable perfect works for others. The perfect work for others one meaning is completing all the qualities for realizations, total cessation of the defilements. However, one meaning is that it comes from the root of great compassion. To achieve this we need, to be able to fulfill the wishes of numberless beings wish for happiness, need the great compassion. Then meditation alone is not enough we need to rely on blessings of special deity to reach the heart, the special deity of compassion. We chant OM MANI PADME HUM. Fulfill all the wishes up to enlightenment of all sentient beings especially to

develop great compassion you take responsibility to liberate all sentient beings from sufferings, so need to receive the initiation to achieve that.

INITIATION NOT INCLUDED

Due to all the three times merits collected by myself and others which are empty from their own side may the I that exists but is empty from its own side achieve Chenrezig's enlightenment which exists but is empty from its own side lead all sentient beings which exist but are empty from their own side to the Chenrezig's enlightenment that exists but is empty from its own side by myself who exists but is empty from my own side. I dedicate all the merits to follow the examples ..

May Lama Tsongkhapa teachings of sutra and tantra be actualized in the hearts of students, benefactors, all those whose names were given to me to pray, to actualize in their heart and flourish in this world.

Thank you very much, good morning.

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